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George Keeps Campaign Promise

Senator co-sponsors a bill to eliminate intrusive phone calls

LANSING – Tom George, R-Texas Township, co-sponsored Senate Bill 3, which requires that phone calls made during elections state who paid for them. The bill also states that if the candidate committee has not given authorization in writing, the message must include, “Not authorized by a candidate committee.”

“These unauthorized calls were a nuisance during last fall’s election. The outside groups responsible for them should be required to identify themselves,” George said. “People can choose whether they want to read something that comes in the mail, or watch an advertisement on television. But, phone calls are just plain intrusive when a family is trying to have dinner, a baby is sleeping, or someone would like some peace and quiet in their home,”

The bill also specifies that if the candidate does approve of the call, but he or she is not paying for the message, the call must include “Authorized by (name of candidate or candidate committee).”

Senate Bill 3 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

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Editor’s Note: Comments from Senator George regarding Senate Bill 3 are available on the Senate Majority Hotline at 517-373-4000.